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What position does Massachusetts hold — a State we all must love, & for many causes venerate, but alas! too unmindful of her ancient glory, too tamely submissive to Slaveholding arrogance & usurpation. What is her position? In the person of one of her most honored citizens, she went, in dignified & peaceful manner to a (~~natural~~) sister State, sister! forsooth to seek ~~to have~~ that certain questions between them might be tried in the National courts, questions immediately involving the "inalienable rights of man", even whether free-born men sh^d, or sh^d not, without fault or crime alleged, be deprived of freedom, ~~[illegible]~~ and sold into life-long slavery. ~~Are~~ And what response? Massachusetts was ignominiously expelled, opprobriously driven off the soil of South Carolina, with threats of worse treatment, sh^d she come again on like errand. She retreated, she faltered, yielded, and obedient to the Slaveholders' lessons, has held her peace — submitting to the wrong, ~~confessing~~ alleging that it is irremediable, & continuing to foster & advocate a union wh. alone makes it irremediable and her powerless, ~~And yet~~ Such is the position of Massachusetts. And yet one she has delighted to honor c^d so thus,

Sue for favours at Slaveholding hands, saying like the Jew of old with bated breath "Fair Sir, you spit on me on Wednesday last" — "I am happy still to do your bidding" &c. This was Dan'l Webster to (bb). (CC)

3. Slavery requires us to support measures of Govt., all designed to be in furtherance of Slavery & its interests, and therefore, of necessity, in derogation of liberty & in hostility to all the true interests of man.

(a) Presidential Office — held by Slaveholders 48 years out of 60.

(b) Similar facts with regard to nearly every important office in the Govt. At one time, during within 3 a 4 years, every foreign U.S. minister was from a Slaveholding State. (H. Wheaton, an exception?)

(c) Every important national measure carried with reference to Slavery, consequently in oppo.n (I say again) to Liberty.

(d) Army & Navy — all for Slavery. North furnishes money & men — South the officers. This their own boast; and as it is one indication of Slaveholding pride, and of the lamentable effects of the too long concessions & humiliations of the North, I think it right to speak of it.

(e) Florida War — $30 millions. Bloodshed. All for Slavery.

(f) Addition of territory, Florida, Louisiana, — all for Slavery. But when any new territory is demanded (wh. must be __free__) how quickly the Slave Power, which rules the land, recedes from its claim, & compromises it!

And now! yes, how stand we now, as a people. Engaged in a ~~It is war~~ bitter, destructive war, — carrying carnage, rapine, violence, shame among tens & hundreds of thousands who have never done to us, a our nation, any injury — whose Govt. has never inflicted a wrong nearly so great as other, & more powerful, foreign Govts. have ~~done~~ to us, ~~but which were at length patiently~~ & honorably settled by negociation. And this war is for the sole, the admitted* object of increasing the weight of Slaveholding influence in the Nation, of acquiring new territory to be covered with the horrors & curses of Slavery. Witness the unanimous Slaveholding opposition to the measure proposing to prohibit Slavery from being tolerated in any new territory.

My friends, the whole history & character of the Mexican War may be truthfully summed up in a few words, "Butchery and Plunder, for the Sake of Slavery, and by its Command".

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* have authority for this, at hand
Y.C.C.

+ District of Columbia

Slavery requires us to suffer the existence of Slavery in this National domain, to legislate for i & sustain it.

The D. of C. is the great National Slave Ma and long has been so.

District prisons used as Slave-prisons

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~~2. Marshal's Sale in District~~

[3. John Randolph & the Quaker].

It requires us, nationally, through our Govt., to become Slave traders, & to put the price of blood, of the traffic in human flesh, sinews, & souls, into the national Treasury.

See — Marshal's Sale in D. Columbia.

What an infamous defiance to the whole North!

Will we be so craven as to submit?

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